# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW AEROPLANES
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether new aeroplanes have been introduced in fleet of Air India and Indian Airlines recently;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the total expenditure incurred/proposed to be incurred;

(c) the total number of aeroplanes thus in operation;

(d) the proposed addition of aeroplanes if any in the coming future;

(e) the average age of aeroplanes which are in operation;

(f) whether old aeroplanes would be removed from operation due to purchse of new aeroplanes; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Both airlines are in the process of inducting new aircraft in their fleet. Air India has signed a purchase agreement with M/s Boeing for the purchase of 68 aircraft comprising 8X B777-200LR, 15X B777-300ER and 27X B787-8 for Air India Limited and 18 X B737-800W for Air India Charters Limited (a subsidiary of Air India)at a cost of Rs.34,615 crores. Similarly, Indian Airlines Limited has signed an agreement with M/s Airbus Industries and CFM International for procurement of 43 Airbus aircraft, comprising 19 A319, 4 A320 and 20 A321 at a cost of Rs.10,169 crores.

(c): Currently, Air India and Indian Airlines including their subsidiaries have 52 and 76 aircraft respectively.

(d): Out of 68 aircraft ordered by Air India and its subsidiary, 11 aircraft have been inducted and 57 aircraft are to be inducted by 2011. In respect of Indian Airlines, out of the 43 aircraft ordered, it has taken delivery of 3 aircraft and 40 aircraft would be delivered by April 2010. Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) also plans to add 5 aircraft on lease basis.

(e): The average age of aeroplanes of Air India and Indian Airlines are 15.4 years and 18.1 years respectively.

(f) and (g): The fleet expansion programme envisages induction of aircraft in a phased manner alongwith phasing out of some of the older aircraft. While Indian Airlines proposes to phase out 3 A300, 11 B737-200 and 2 Dornier DO-228 aircraft operated by Alliance Air, Air India proposes to phase out 6 A310-300 and 2 B747-300 aircraft.